posts of teachers reserved for the SCs and STs in the Central Schools; and

(b) the total number of posts lying vacant over five years and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) The position regarding the total number of teaching posts reserved for SC/ST and the backlog of Vacancies accumulated over the years, as on 1.4.95, is as follows;

Backlog		Selection made	
SC	ST	SC	ST
415	470	415	143

The reason for the posts of ST category lying vacant is the non-availability of suitable candidates.

हिमाचल प्रदेश में हॉप्स का उत्पादन

1353. **श्री जलालुदीन अंसारी:**
श्री महेश्वर सिंह:

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हिमाचल प्रदेश के कुछ जनजातीय क्षेत्रों में कृषक हॉप्स का उत्पादन कर रहे हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो किन-किन क्षेत्रों में इनका उत्पादन किया जा रहा है और गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान हॉप्स का कितना उत्पादन हुआ;

(ग) क्या हिमाचल प्रदेश के अतिरिक्त देश के अन्य भागों में भी हॉप्स का उत्पादन किया जाता है; यदि हां, तो किन-किन क्षेत्रों में तथा पिछले तीन वर्षों में हॉप्स का कितना उत्पादन हुआ;

(घ) देश भर में हॉप्स की वार्षिक खपत कितनी है और क्या यह भी सच है कि हॉप्स का अब निर्यात किया जा रहा है; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो हॉप्स का कितनी मात्रा में निर्यात किया जा रहा है?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री चतुरानन मिश्र): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) हिमाचल प्रदेश के लाहौल तथा स्पीती जिले की लाहौल घाटी तथा चम्बा जिले के पंगी क्षेत्र में हॉप्स का उत्पादन किया जा रहा है। गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान हॉप्स उत्पादन की मात्रा निम्नवत् है:—

वर्ष	उत्पादन (मीटरी॰ टन)	
	हरे	शुष्क
1993-94	180	45
1994-95	520	130
1995-96	376	94

(ग) जी, नहीं। तथापि इसकी खेती जम्मू एवं कश्मीर राज्य में भी प्रचालित थी तथा गत नवे दशक के प्रारम्भ में नम हॉप्स का उत्पादन 500 टन वार्षिक था। गड़बड़ी वाला क्षेत्र होने के कारण घाटी में हॉप्स की खेती में व्यवधान हो गया था।

(घ) और (ङ) देश में शुष्क हॉप्स की वार्षिक आवश्यकता लगभग पांच सौ टन है। हॉप्स का निर्यात नहीं किया जा रहा है।

Homes for Widows and Destitute Women

1354. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of homes set up for widows, destitute women and terrorist affected children/women in the country, particularly in the State of Punjab;

(b) the total expenditure incurred by Government on these homes, State-wise, during the period 1992—94; and

(c) the effective steps taken by Government to set up more homes in the terrorist affected States of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) There is no Central or Centrally Sponsored Scheme for setting up homes exclusively for widows, destitute women and terrorist affected children/women. The State Government of Punjab has informed that it is running a widow homes and that there is no special home exclusively for terrorist affected children/women. Children of

terrorist affected families are kept in juvenile homes.

(b) The expenditure on the widow home run by the State Government of Punjab was Rs. 5.08 lakhs and Rs. 5.32 lakhs during the years 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively.

(c) There is no such proposal. However, State Government of Punjab has given land on lease to SOS Village of India for a village in Punjab to take care of orphans and abandoned children including victims of terrorists.

Setting up of Fishing Harbours in Orissa

1355. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up some fishing harbours in Orissa;

(b) if so, the names of the places where these harbours are proposed to be set up;

(c) the fund allocation made for this purpose during the Eighth Plan; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) There are no proposals pending with the Government of India for setting up of fishing harbours in Orissa.

(c) and (d) The Government of India have released Rs. 470.66 lakhs to the State Government for the development of fishing harbours and fish landing centres in Orissa during the first four years of the Eighth Plan. An allocation of Rs. 15.00 lakhs is made for the current year 1996-97 for completion of on-going fish landing centres at (i) Bahabalpur, (ii) Bandara, (iii) Khandipatna and (iv) Bhasandpur-Baliapatpur in Orissa.

Production of Bio-Fertilizers

1356. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of manufacturess that are producing Bio-fertilizers in the country and what is their annual production at present with details thereof;

(b) the number out of them that are located in Madhya Pradesh;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government are supplying mother cultures for multiplication and use in rice fields for Nitrogen fixation to Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) Under the Central Sector Scheme of National Project and Technology Mission on Development & use of Bio-Fertilisers, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has sanctioned 30 bio-fertiliser production units with annual capacity to produce about 3000 tonnes of bio-fertilisers. In addition, about 1500 tonnes of bio-fertilisers is produced by the State Government organisations, Agriculture Universities and private manufacturers. Thus, total annual estimated production of bio-fertilisers is about 4500 tonnes.

(b) There are seven bio-fertilisers production units located in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) Regional Bio-fertiliser Development Centre, Jabalpur, under this Department is supplying mother cultures of bio-fertilisers for multiplication and use in rice fields for nitrogen fixation in Madhya Pradesh. Besides, a national fiacility has been created at Indian Agriculture Research Institute, New Delhi for supplying mother cultures on Blue Green Algae to the States for research, development and